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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG (REPORT NO. 6)
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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: THREE OF THE LESSER DEFENDANTS IN THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL, ALL EX-STUDENTS, WERE QUESTIONED THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21, AND ONE THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22. ALL ADMITTED TAKING PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT DENIED PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. ONE STUDENT SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TORTURED, AND ANOTHER COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD HAD ALMOST NO TIME TO CONSULT HIS LAWYER. THE QUESTIONING OF THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS OF THE PRESENT GROUP SHOULD BE COMPLETED THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 22. IT WAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED WHETHER THERE WILL BE A COURT SESSION AUGUST 23. END SUMMARY.
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3. THE TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG'S CO-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG, CO-DEFENDANTS CONTINUED THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21. THE FIRST DEFENDANT QUESTIONED WAS YI SIN-POM (M-R), AN EX-SNU STUDENT WHO WAS SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL IN 1972, AND WHO WAS A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH LEAGUE. YI DENIED EMPLOYING VIOLENCE DURING THE MAY 13-18 PERIOD. HE ADMITTED THAT HE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE HELD, BUT CLAIMED HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN THEM. YI SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN HIS COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER FOR A TOTAL OF ONLY TWO OR THREE MINUTES. AFTER YI'S QUESTIONING, ALL DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING KIM DAE JUNG AND KIM SANG-KYOM (M-R), WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COURTROOM. THE LEGAL OFFICER SUMMED UP KIM SANG-KYOM'S TESTIMONY THAT MORNING, AND CLAIMED THAT KIM SANG-KYOM HAD TACITLY ADMITTED KNOWING KI-CHONNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHONG TONG-HYON (M-R. (PARA 5. PERTIN
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6. FOLLOWING THE LAW OFFICER'S SUMMATION, AND OVER HIS OWN AND HIS LAWYER'S OBJECTIONS, CHO SONG-H (M-R) WAS QUESTIONED ALONE. CHO, LIKE YI SIN-POM, IS A "POPHAKSAENG," OR REINSTATED STUDENT, WHO HAS HAD PREVIOUS TROUBLE WITH THE AUTHORITIES. AT ONE POINT IN THE PROSECUTION'S QUESTIONING, CHO SHOUTED AT THE PROSECUTOR THAT HE WAS BEING FORCED TO ADMIT TO LIES. CHO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN HUNG BY HIS FEET AT INTERVALS SPANNING OVER A MONTH WHILE IN PRISON.

5. THE NEXT DEFENDANT WAS YI HAE-CHAN (M-R), ANOTHER "POPHAKSAENG." THE PROSECUTOR CLAIMED THAT YI HAD PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS AND HAD TRIED TO CAUSE "A SECOND KWANGJU INCIDENT." YI ADMITTED

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BEING AGAINST THE YUSHIN SYSTEM AND JOINING DEMONSTRATIONS. BUT DENIED INSTIGATING REBELLION.

6. THE PROSECUTION QUESTIONED YI SOL-PYO (M-R) THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22 (AND WILL PROBABLY WRAP UP THE QUESTIONING OF THE REMAINING TWO DEFENDANTS THE SAME AFTERNOON). THE PROSECUTION TRIED TO GET YI TO ADMIT THAT HE BELIEVED IN SUCH THINGS AS THE SAEUK MINE RIOT, THE TONGKU STEEL MILL TROUBLES, AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AS USEFUL TOOLS IN OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT. YI DENIED THIS, BUT SAID HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH OUTBREAKS WERE INEVITABLE UNDER REPRESSION. YI ADMITTED DISCUSSING DEMONSTRATIONS, AND SAID HE HAD MET ALMOST DAILY WITH FELLOW DEFENDANT SOL HUN (M-R) TO PLAN THEM. YI SAID THAT HE WAS NOT A VERY COURAGEOUS PERSON, AND WHILE HE WOULD JOIN A DEMONSTRATION, HE WOULD NOT LEAD ONE. NEVERTHELESS, HE TRIED TO TAKE SOME OF THE HEAT OFF HIS FELLOW DEFENDANTS BY SAYING THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO DID ALL THE TALKING AT THE DISCUSSIONS OF FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS.

7. IF, AS EXPECTED, THE PROSECUTION COMPLETES ITS QUESTIONING OF THE REMAINING TWO DEFENDANTS AUGUST 22, IT MAY NOT HOLD A SESSION AUGUST 23. IF IT DOES, EMBOFF WILL ATTEND AND REPORT. MONJO
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